THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a): Yes, Sir.

(b) Responsibility has been fixed for this irregularity.

(c) Staff found guilty is being taken up under Railways' Disciplinary and Appeal Rules.

Railways Sports Promotion Board

3485. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to form Railway Sports Promotion Board;

(b) if so, the details and the sailent features thereof; and

(c) the way by which the Indian railway will contribute in the promotion of sports sportsmen of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) The existing Railway Sports Control Board is being renamed as Railway Sports Promotion Board.

(b) the existing features will to a large extent remain unchanged.

(c) the Indian Railway contribute towards promotion of sports in the country by recruiting outstanding sportspersons, giving them a congenial environment for participation in various National and International events, recognizing outstanding performance etc.

Railway land under encroachment

3486. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 2,500 hectares of railway land is under encroachment at present;

(b) if so, names of places under encroachment, division wise as on 30th June, 1998;

(c) whether Government propose to get this vacated from encroachers to enable the Railways to provide more facilities to the passengers; and

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Division-wise break up of encroachments on railway land is given as under:

Division	Area under encroachment (in hectares)
Mumbai	35
Bhusawal	7
Nagpur	2
Jabalpur	1
Solapur	3
Jhansi	14
Bhopal	2
Allahabad	12
Bikaner	27
Delhi	440
Firozpur	202
Jodhpur	10
Lucknow	13
Moradabad	191
Ambala	5
Alipurduar	133
Tinsukia	17
Katihar	19
Lumding	86
Maligaon	49
Secunderabad	2
Hyderabad	40
Vijayawada	33
Guntakal	4
Hubli	5
Mumabi	9
Vadodara	3
Ratlam	14
Kota	3
Ajmer	6
Jaipur	3